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SMUGGLING OF NARCOTICS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the `Narcotics Control Bureau` has not been able to check the smuggling of narcotics in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; (C) the number of cases of smuggling registered during the year 2000-2001 and quantity of narcotics seized;

(d) the number of persons arrested and convicted for smuggling;

(e) whether the Government propose to formulate any special scheme to strengthen the `Narcotics Control Bureau`;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and
(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

FINANCE MINISTER (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA)

(a) & (b) : No, Sir.

(c) : 12655 cases of seizure of drugs were registered during the period 1st Jan., 2000 to 31st March 2001 resulting in the seizure of 12,441.350 kgs of Heroin, Morphine, Opium, Hashish,Cocaine,Methaqualone, Ephedrine and Amphetamine and 9,777 ltrs. of Acetic Anhydride.

(d) : The number of persons arrested and convicted for drug trafficking during the period 1st Jan., 2000 to 31st March 2001 are 15,284 and 4,447 respectively.

(e), (f) & (g) : The future role of NCB has been examined by the Task Force on Intelligence Apparatus chaired by Shri Girish Saxena. Its recommendations were then examined by Group of Ministers and are presently under examination of the Government.